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CHURCH WILL BE IMPROVED

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION TO BE MADE SOON

Extensive alterations and improvements will be made in the near future at the Church of the Ascension. Plans have been completed and work will be under way within a few days. The changes will result in giving enlarged seating capacity and greater convenience.

Briefly the extension will consist of an additional transept on the north side by the side of the one now containing the organ. Both transepts will be extended beyond the present north extremity of the building. The pipe organ will be removed to the new transept, with the consol at the left of the choir as viewed by the congregation. This change will be an improvement in that the organist will be placed nearer the choir while the organ will be moved further from the audience, thus improving matters both for the musicians and their auditors.

That portion of the transept now occupied by the organ and consol will be opened into the main auditorium. The extension on the north will contain rooms for the Sunday school, vestments, etc., and will add greatly to the convenience of the building. T. M. Webster will be in charge of the work.

MAY GET PICTURE MACHINE

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club is contemplating the purchase of a large moving picture machine. It is hoped by the officers that it will be installed and ready for use by the first of September. Such a machine would prove of inestimable value in the educational work of the club. Moving pictures are now recognized as a means of enforcing some lessons which can hardly be taught in any other way to an audience. Their use is constantly on the increase in schools, clubs and even in churches. The acquisition of the outfit would be in keeping with the progressive policies of the club which ranks among the most flourishing in Southern California.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. George H. Cornell, rector. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. No Sunday school until further notice. All are cordially invited.

SOLE OWNER NOW

N. T. Brown Buys Partner's Interest in Grocery Store

N. T. Brown has purchased the interest of Mr. Jensen in the grocery business of Brown and Jensen. Announcement regarding his future policies is contained in his ad on anotner page. Mr. Brown bought an interest in the store last March. Since then he has become so thoroughly convinced of the great possibilities of the Sierra Madre field that he decided to invest more heavily and push the business with increased vigor.

Mr. Brown says he will handle nothing but groceries of absolutely the highest class. He says he sold that kind of goods on the road for fourteen years and doesn't know how to sell anything else. In his experience of the past few months he has become enthusiastic over the high class of the Sierra Madre trade. He says he never saw a place where the demand for the best grades of goods represented so large a proportion of the total trade. As a result he is convinced that he can succeed with a stock of exclusively high class groceries.

FINED FOR FIRE LAW VIOLATIONS

In spite of the vigorous campaign of education conducted by the Federal Forest Service and the press of California, in which thousands of printed fire warnings and requests for co-operation have been distributed throughout the State, cases of violation of the State fire law are apparently on the increase. Recent failures to extinguish camp fires within the Angeles National Forest resulted in prosecutions as follows:

F. J. Baumgartner, fined $25.
H. L. Hanchet, fined $50.
T. H. Simpson, fined $50.

This duty of punishing citizens for destroying their own property (national forests) is the most unpleasant that the law requires forest officers to perform.

The I. I. C. Society was delightfully entertained last Thursday in Long Beach as the guests of Mrs. O. McDaniel and Mrs. George Coapman who are spending the summer months there. A delicious picnic lunch was served in the auditorium and the various amusements were enjoyed during the afternoon. Those from Sierra Madre who enjoyed the picnic were Mesdames Dickson, Merrell and Copps, and the Misses Alma Jones and Etta Dickson.

"SAFETY" THE WORD

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ORIGINATES NEW PLAN TO MAINTAIN FINE RECORD

"Safety," which is the watchword of the Southern Pacific, is to be moved further ahead of its code. It was the slogan "Safety First" that helped to make the record of "No Lives Lost Through Collision or Derailment in Nearly Four Years," on this road.

Now it will, through safety committees comprising officials and employes, try for an even better record for safety than heretofore and endeavor to prevent accidents of all kinds. As much regard shall be taken of the life and limb of the employe as of the passenger.

This move means the organization of a main safety committee to be composed of the division superintendents. Then there is to be a safety committee on every division to comprise the superintendent, members of his staff from various departments, a conductor, engineer, brakeman, fireman, yardman, trackman, signal-man, bridge and building man and a shop man. Each of these craftsmen will be the chairman of another distinct safety committee.

Between meetings, which will be held every month, each committee shall entertain suggestions that will tend to prevent accidents in all branches of the railroad service. Then these suggestions are to be brought up at the division committee meeting and then again at the general safety committee meeting. If a shop employe mashes his finger the shop committee will investigate and try and find a method whereby other's fingers will be protected from a recurrance of the accident. The members of each committee are to be furnished with a button of artistic design.

Many of the suggestions that come from the employes may appear to be of minor importance, but at the same time easy to put in practice. This is to be encouraged by the committees as the men on the line see many things that mean safety that may be improved and thus minimize danger to life and limb.

Miss Lenore Morgan of Cleveland who is the guest of Mrs. William Dennison for the summer, is visiting in Los Angeles as the guest of Miss Jessie Templeton.

GREAT BORAX STATE

CALIFORNIA PRODUCES ALMOST THE ENTIRE AMOUNT REPORTED FOR COUNTRY

According to the United States Geological Survey, there was considerable increase in the production of borax in the United States in 1911 over that of 1910, the output for last year being 53,330 short tons, valued at $1,569,151, as compared with $42,357 tons in 1910, valued at $1,201,842. The quantities stated, however, represent the crude material mined. This crude ore, now being mined in California, which state furnished practically the entire product of borax in the United States, is almost entirely colemanite, which is a borate of lime. As mined the product varies considerably in its content of anhydrous boric acid.

Borax Lake and Lake Hachinhama, two small lakes near Clear Lake, in California, about 80 miles north of San Francisco, first produced borax on a commercial scale in 1864. At first borax was obtained by evaporating the lake water, but this method was later supplemented by collecting and washing the natural borax crystals which were found imbedded in the mud on the bottom of the lake.

Still later the so-called marsh or dry-lake borax deposits were discovered, a considerable number of which were developed in western Nevada. Fish Lake, Columbus, Rhodes, and Teals marshes, in southwestern Nevada near the California line, Searles Dry Lake, Cane Lake, Saline Valley, and Death Valley, in California, were among the places where the more important deposits of this type were mined. Many of these marshes were far from lines of transportation when borax was first shiped from them, and the product was generally hauled to the railroad by horse or mule teams over long roads through the resert.

The borax industry was established on essentially its present basis when the bedded deposits of the calcium borate mineral colemanite were first found in Death Valley in 1882 and in the following year at Calico, about 5 miles from Daggett, Cal. Borax and boric acid are now derived wholly from these deposits of borate of lime, the mineral colemanite furnishing practically all the output. Since these colemanite mines have been worked on a large scale the marsh or dry-lake deposits crystallized from mixtures of other salts obtained from marsh deposits, borax is now made exclusively in the refineries of the large borax companies in California and at eastern points.

The production of borax in 1911 was the largest in the history of the United States, except that for 1906, when the output was 58,173 short tons, but the value of the production in 1911 was greater.

A copy of a report on the production nof borax in 1911 by Charles G. Yale and Hoyt S. Gale, just issued by the United States Geological Survey, may be obtained free upon application to the Director at Washington, D. C.

DEATH OF MRS. O'BRIEN

Mrs. Leona Ida O'Brien, wife of John O'Brien, passed away on Monday, August twelfth, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grilley, on West Central avenue. Typhoid fever was the cause of death. The sorrowing husband is left with a young daughter to mourn their loss. Their home had been in Los Angeles but Mrs. O'Brien was cared for at the home of her parents during her last illness. Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Hannaford being in charge.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Sloan Pitzer of Alhambra was in Sierra Madre last Friday while travelling over the ninth congressional district in the interest of his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress. He was accompanied by Messrs. Cameron, mayor of Alhambra, and J. J. Conrad, editor of the Alhambran-Advocate. These gentlemen vouch for Mr. Pitzer's integrity and faithfulness as a public servant, as shown by his service as city attorney for his home city. He has a pleasing personality and undoubted ability. He is a firm adherent of the Taft wing of the party and those republicans who wish to see the president retained in office with congressmen who will uphold him cannot do better than cast their ballots for Mr. Pitzer.

BUSINESS WAS GOOD

A mayor of the old school was as cynical as he was corrupt. A schoolmate visited him one day and asked for a job. "Well, Joe," the mayor answered heartily, "the very next job I have to give away you shall get." Joe waited about a year, then he ventured to call on the mayor again. "How about that job?" he said, reproachfully. "You told me a year ago that I was to get the very next job you had to give away." The mayor, with a cynical smile, replied: "But I've had none to give away, Joe. I've sold them all!"

First Matron—I don't see how anybody can afford any luxuries nowadays. We've given up meat at our house. Second Matron—And we've given up bridge.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FORGET FRUIT SEASONS

"People forget there are seasons for fruit in California as well as in other parts of the country," says M. D. Welsher. "They get so accustomed to having some kind of fresh fruit all the year round that they overlook the necessity for canning and preserving the various kinds of fruits in the season when each is obtainable. The result is that they are apt to remember when it is just too late." Few people will regard this condition as sufficient reason for bemoaning California's year-round summer. There are too many other advantages to offset it. It is a drawback to which the housewife usually becomes accustomed. After failing a few times to purchase some favorite fruit at the height of the season when it is cheap she learns her lesson.

DEATH OF MISS BREININGER

Miss Laura Breininger passed away Sunday, August 26, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Breininger, of Mountain Trail avenue, after a protracted illness. She was twenty-six years of age and is mourned by two brothers and a sister in addition to her parents. The family had resided in Sierra Madre something more than a year, their former home having been in Pennsylvania. Simple funeral services were held on Wednesday in the parlors of Renaker & Gay, Rev. W. H. Hannaford of the Congregational Church conducting the services.

FIRST BUCK IS REPORTED

JIM McNALLY IS FIRST HUNTER TO BRING DOWN A DEER THIS SEASON

Jim McNally of Pasadena, formerly manager of Orchard Camp, was the first hunter to report with a deer for the present season which opened yesterday. He brought a fine two-prong buck to the foot of the trail from the Little Santa Anita yesterday. Its weight was reported to be eighty or ninety pounds.

The opening of the season yesterday attracted many hunters to the mountains from Los Angeles and Pasadena and several Sierra Madre parties also went out. Deer are reported to be more numerous than last year, though not seen so frequently as two years ago when there was a veritable slaughter of them.

Miss Vega Brugman and Mrs. J. Henderson Childs were the guests at a reception given in Pasadena by Miss Hannah Thompson at her home on South Oakland avenue. The function was given in honor of Miss Thompson's friends who leave this week for Stanford University.

A GIRL OF THE LIMBERLOST

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CHAPTER XVI.

Wherein Margaret Sinton Reveals a Secret.

"ELNORA, bring me the towel, quick!" cried Mrs. Comstock. "Hurry! There's a varmint of some kind!"

Elnora ran into the sitting room and thrust the heavy kitchen towel into her mother's hand. Mrs. Comstock swung open the screen door and struck at some object. Elnora screamed wildly "Don't, mother, don't!"

Mrs. Comstock struck again. Elnora caught her arm.

"It's the one I want! It's worth a lot of money! Don't! Oh, you shall not!"

"Shan't, missy?" blazed Mrs. Comstock. "When did you get to bossing me?"

The hand that held the screen swept a half circle and stopped at Elnora's cheek. She staggered with the blow, and across her face, pale with excitement, a red mark rose rapidly. The screen slammed shut, throwing the creature on the floor before them. Instantly Mrs. Comstock's foot crushed it. Elnora stepped back. Excepting the red mark, her face was very white.

"That was the last moth I needed," she said, "to complete a collection worth $300. You've ruined it before my eyes!"

"If I had known it was a moth"—Mrs. Comstock wavered.

"They are what have paid for books, tuition and clothes for the last four years. They are what I could have started on to college. You've crushed the last one I needed before my face. You never have made any pretense of loving me. At last I'll be equally frank with you. I hate you! You are a selfish, wicked woman! I hate you!"

Elnora turned, went through the kitchen and out the back door. She followed the garden path to the gate and walked toward the swamp a short distance when reaction overtook her. She dropped on the ground and leaned against a big log. When a little child, desperate as now, she had tried to die by holding her breath.

As Elnora left the room Mrs. Comstock took one step after her.

"You little huzzy!" she gasped.

But Elnora was gone. Her mother stood staring.

"She never did lie to me," she muttered. "I guess it was a moth and the only one she needed to get $300, she said. I wish I hadn't been so fast. Pshaw! She can find another. Maybe moths are like snakes, where there's one there's two."

Mrs. Comstock took the broom and swept the moth out of the door. So it was from creatures like that Elnora had got her school money. In one sickening sweep there rushed into the heart of the woman a full realization of the width of the gulf which separated her from her child.

"We are nearer strangers with each other than we are with any of the neighbors," she muttered.

So one of the Almighty's most delicate and beautiful creations was sacrificed without fulfilling the law, yet none of its species ever served so glorious a cause, for at last Mrs. Comstock's inner vision had cleared. She went through the cabin mechanically. Every few minutes she glanced toward the back walk to see if Elnora was coming. She knew arrangements had been made with Margaret to go to the city some time that day, so she grew more nervous and uneasy every moment.

Noon came, and she prepared dinner, calling, as she always did, when Elnora was in the garden, but she got no response, and the girl did not come. A little after 1 o'clock Margaret stopped at the gate.

"Elnora has changed her mind. She is not going," called Mrs. Comstock.

"You must be mistaken," said Margaret. "I was going on purpose for her. She asked me to take her. I had no errand. Where is she?"

"I will call her," said Mrs. Comstock.

She followed the path again and this time found Elnora sitting on the log. Her face was swollen and discolored and her eyes red with crying. She paid no attention to her mother.

"Mag Sinton is here," said Mrs. Comstock harshly. "I told her you had changed your mind, but she said you asked her to go with you, and she had nothing to go for herself."

Elnora arose, recklessly took a short cut through the deep swamp grasses and so reached the path ahead of her mother. Mrs. Comstock followed as far as the garden, but she could not enter the cabin. Margaret Sinton approached colorless and with such flaming eyes that Mrs. Comstock shrank back.

"What's the matter with Elnora's face?" demanded Margaret.

Mrs. Comstock made no reply.

"You struck her, did you?"

"I thought you wasn't blind!"

"I have been for twenty long years now, Kate Comstock," said Margaret Sinton, "but my eyes are open at last. What I see is that I've done you no good and Elnora a big wrong. I had an idea that it would kill you to know, but I guess you are tough enough to stand anything. Kill or cure, you get it now. You! The woman who don't pretend to love her only child, and all for a fool idea about a man who wasn't worth his salt!"

Mrs. Comstock picked up a hoe.

"Go right on!" she said. "Empty yourself. It's the last thing you'll ever do."

"Then I'll make a tidy job of it," said Margaret. "You'll not touch me. When Robert Comstock shaved that quagmire out there so close he went in, he wanted to keep you from seeing where he was coming from. He'd been to see Elvira Carney. They had plans to go to a dance that night"—

"Close your lips!" said Mrs. Comstock in a voice of deadly quiet.

"You know I wouldn't dare open them if I was not telling you the truth. It was hot in the woods, and I stopped at Carney's as I passed for a drink. Elvira's bedridden old mother heard me, and she was so crazy for some one to talk with I stepped in a minute. I saw Robert come down the path. Elvira saw him, too, and she ran out of the house to head him off. He brought her his violin and told her to get ready and meet him in the woods with it that night and they would go to a dance. She took it and hid it in the little loft to the wellhouse and promised she'd go."

"Are you done?" demanded Mrs. Comstock.

"No. I am going to tell you the whole story. You don't spare Elnora anything. I shan't spare you. I went to Elvira, told her what I knew and made her give me Comstock's violin for Elnora over three years ago. She's been playing it ever since. I won't see her slighted and abused another day on account of a man who would have broken your heart if he had lived. He was one of those men who couldn't trust himself, and so no woman was safe with him. Now, will you drop grieving over him and do Elnora justice?"

Mrs. Comstock gripped the hoe tighter, and, turning, she went down the walk and started across the woods to the home of Elvira Carney. With averted head she passed the pool, steadily pursuing her way. Elvira Carney, hanging towels across the back fence,

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An Outing in the "Big Country"

(Continued from issue of Aug. 2)

Several good trails to the high Sierras in addition to the Mt. Whitney trail have their beginning at or near Lone Pine. The Tuttle Creek, Hockett and Cottonwood Canyon trails are next in order to the south. Inquiry showed the Hockett Trail to be the most popular because it affords the quickest way to get into the high altitudes. Having saddled Molasses and packed Buckskin we set out for the foot of that trail early in the afternoon.

The route lay southward along the foot of the Alabama Hills a distance of three miles, then through the hills and up the long talus slope of the Sierras to the mouth of Carroll Creek. The Alabama Hills are a curious formation extending twenty miles or more along the base of the Sierras and parallel with them. The hills are said to be the oldest geological formation in the United States, putting them in striking contrast to the Sierras which were pushed up after the Alabamas had reached a ripe age. They reach a height of about 1,000 feet above the Owens Valley at their highest point, whereas the Sierras rise more than 10,000 feet above the valley. The rock and soil of the hills is quite red in contrast to the greys of the granite Sierras.

Our First Camp

Carroll Creek was reached late in the afternoon at a point near the mouth of the canyon. It is a pretty stream, crystal clear and especially inviting after nine miles of dusty roads and loose gravel. There being no water on the trail within the next nine miles we camped for the night beneath a clump of locust trees. Thin clouds which had obscured the sun late in the afternoon thickened up during the evening and about the time we were ready to get between the blankets rain began to fall. We were glad to be able to drag our bed inside a tent near which we had made camp and which had been left standing by some one who had been packing supplies into the mountains. However, there was not enough precipitation that night to have made it seriously inconvenient even had we been exposed to it without shelter.

Cloudy skies were welcomed next morning. The reason was the long stretch of trail ahead of us on the east slope of the mountain and exposed squarely to the rays of the morning sun. The Rockett Trail takes a course somewhat similar to that of the Sturtevant Trail in that it goes across the face of the slope instead of retreating into a canyon. It is steep and not designed for speed. The soil is loose gravel and there is little or no brush or trees to hold it. Trail building here consists of making a track which followed until a path is worn in the gravel which will remain until it is obliterated by the winter rains. The average grade of the trail is somewhat like that of the Angel's Flight on the Mt. Wilson Trail. So it is easy to imagine why we were glad we did not have to ascend that eastern slope in a boiling desert sun.

Vastness of the Country

The Hockett Trail begins its ascent at a point west of the north extremity of Owens Lake. The route across the face of the mountain gives an excellent outlook over the lake and the lower end of the Owens Valley. The true dimensions of the country begin to become apparent, after we climb a few thousand feet.

Everything is made on a large scale. The Alabama Hills occupy but a narrow strip in the foreground. Beyond them is an area of many shaded green which is the cultivated land about Lone Pine. All around are the yellows and browns of the valley and the White mountains beyond. The sunlight struggling through the clouds bathes the whole scone in an opalescent glow. Stray rays break through and produce a dazzling light where they strike the surface of the lake.

Winding across the slope at the foot of the range is the line of the Los Angeles aqueduct. Three ditching crews are at work within sight of the trail, building the big ditch in sections. Each crew is complete in itself, building the complete ditch from the first breaking of the ground, blasting, scooping out soil and rocks with a steam or electric shovel, smoothing out the walls, and lining them with cement. Each crew stretches out over a distance of half a mile or more and the work is rushed day and night. Near at hand is the camp, in itself a small village. Occasionally an immense puff of smoke is seen and half a minute later the mighty roar of exploding giant powder is heard, reverberating among the canyons and across the valley.

As we travel upward along the trail there is a constantly recurring inclination to stop and look around to see how big the country is. New elevations and new angles of view afford an excuse to stop for breath, which "comes in short pants" in the upper altitudes though without discomfort.

Into the Timber

The lower slope of the Sierras is almost barren, bearing little brush and being dotted here and there only by pinyon and scrubby pines and oaks. But at an elevation of about 8,000 feet the trail turns back toward the crest of the main ridge and as the slopes become less steep the trees become larger and more numerous. Nothing but pines are seen.

About noon we reached Little Cottonwood creek, a noisy stream clear, cold water, hardly large enough for trout however. There was grass for the horses and we made camp near the stream beneath a group of tall pines. The bed of the canyon is wide and the stream descends gradually here, winding among thickets of low, willow brush, entirely unaware of the abrupt descent to the valley soon to be encountered.

Rain and Lightning

Just as we had packed up after satisfying our ravenous appetites the rain began to fall again, this time in earnest. Two thicknesses of heavy canvas kept the pack dry, which was all we really cared about. We decided to travel on to Cottonwood creek before making camp for the night. Crossing a heavily wooded divide, we dropped into the main Cottonwood Canyon. We were thankful to get off the divide for the rain was accompanied by a terrific thunder storm and the trees gave plenty of evidence that lightning strikes more often on the ridges than in the canyons.

Cottonwood Creek is a stream worth while. Its volume is about equal to that of the West Fork in the rainy season. But in spite of the heavy rain and resulting erosion the water coming into the stream from the gravel and granite slopes and the mountain meadows did not make it muddy. As we followed the trail along its anks in the rain we could see trout lying in the clear pools.

Soaked to the skin we were glad to come in sight of Anton's Camp, a summer resort which made it unnecessary to make camp in the rain. A hot supper and a bed in a dry tent sounded inviting by contrast to what we had expected for our lot that night. So we turned the horses loose in the fenced meadow and thankfully carried the kyacks into shelter.

Anton's Camp is situated in a grove of stately pines at an angle of Cottonwood Canyon with large meadows above and below. If you have never seen a mountain meadow never be satisfied until you have found one. Doubtless the good Lord could have made a more beautiful bit of scenery than a mountain meadow, "but doubtless the good Lord never did." Next week we will have more to say of them.

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Brief Items of Interest

Miss Elida Olsen returned Sunday after spending a week at Redondo Beach.

George Humphries spent a few days in Oceanside looking after business interests.

Miss Lucile Richardson of Los Angeles is the guest of Miss Georgia Rich for a rew days.

Mrs. Ernest Yerxa was the guest for the week end of her mother, Mrs. St. John, of Whittier.

Misses Marguerite and Beatrice Ward were the week end guests of friends in Whittier.

Mrs. E. M. Entwhistle left Tuesday for a week's stay in Los Angeles with her brother, Dr. Bicknell.

Mrs. Roland Laws spent a few days last week as the guest of her sist r who resides in Sunland.

Miss Verna Trible left Wednesday for Indiana. Her position in the bank will be filled by Miss Maybelle Caley.

Miss Edith Steinberger has been spending a few days this week in Santa Monica with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Steinberger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson who have been residents of Sierra Madre for some months, left this week for Reno, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Caskey and son Harry left Tuesday for the West Fork of the San Gabriel where they expect to remain for two weeks in their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols and their daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Los Angeles, are spending a few days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Nichols of San Gabriel Court.

Mrs. A. S. Moore was the luncheon guest on Thursday of Mrs. O. Forward Brown of Los Angeles. Mrs. Brown was the preceptress of the college Mrs. Moore attended some time ago in Willowby, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Hallet Johnson and their two children have gone to Balboa where they will remain in their beach home, which has just been completed, for the remainder of the summer.

Fred Blumer left last Thursday for Minneapolis after spending the past two months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Blumer. He was accompanied as far as San Francisco by Frank Hart.

Miss Etta Dickson returned last week from Berkeley and joined her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dickson, for a week-end stay in Long Beach. Miss Dickson has been attending the summer school of the University of California.

Messrs. C. F. Gray, J. A. Patterson, J. L. Turner and Roy Emery left Saturday for the West Fork of the San Gabriel where they expect to spend a month. They expect to get their full share of trout and venison but wisely took along a plentiful supply of ordinary grub.

A number of Sierra Madre people enjoyed the picnic given by the Woman's City Club of Los Angeles at Sycamore Grove this week. Those in the party were Mesdames J. A. Osgood, W. J. Lawless, L. L. Krebs, W. H. Ingraham, L. C. Torrance, C. C. Nourse, and W. S. Andrews and Capt. J. A. Osgood.

Miss Mattie Seeley was the charming hostess at her home on Friday evening when she entertained the T. C. B. Club of which she is a member. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served later in the evening. Those present were the Misses Helen Janson, Marguerite Ward, Beatrice Ward, Lucile Richardson, Elsie Yates,, Helen Seeley, Dorothy Mitchell and Lucile Sparks.

A delightful luncheon was enjoyed on Thursday by the officers and the directors of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club in Los Angeles, the hostesses being Mrs. Beyer and Miss Hersa Lea who are spending the summer in Los Angeles. Those who enjoyed the luncheon were Mesdames Ingraham, F. J. Hart, Laws, Dennison, Betts, Keys, G. Hallett Johnson, Osgood, Arthur Johnson, H. I. Hawxhurst, Fairbanks, and the Misses Woodward and Coffey.

J. H. Wright spent part of last week in Avalon attending to business matters.

Mrs. Kate Holmes left Tuesday for Ocean Park where she will be the guest of friends.

Misses Holmes left Tuesday for Ocean Park where she will be the guest of friends.

Miss Jennie Walsh of Albuquerque is spending a few weeks at the home of Miss Elsa Krafft.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Andrews enjoyed a day's outing on Monday at their cottage in Redondo.

Miss Hannah Thompson of Pasadena was the guest on Wednesday of Mrs. J. Henderson Childs.

Misses Florence and Daisy Vannier are spending the month at Long Beach in their beach cottage.

Mrs. Emery of Hollywood will be the guest for a month of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Miss Helen Seeley left Tuesday for a week's stay in Long Beach as the guest of Miss Margaret Allen.

The Misses Harriman returned Wednesday from Avalon after a three weeks' stay at the Hotel Metropole.

E. F. Ballou and Harvey Steinberger returned home Sunday after spending ten days camping in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Andrews are spending the week end in Los Angeles as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Haaf.

Fred Copps returned Thursday to Los Angeles after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Copps.

Miss Ruth Sparks is taking the place of Miss Elida Olsen in the postoffice while the latter is enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell who has been spending the summer at Balboa, spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. A. S. Moore.

Mrs. Laura Stevenson and Miss Daisy Hawks were the luncheon guests on Friday of Miss Annis B. Coffey in Los Angeles where she is residing at her brother's home during his absence at the beach.

Adin Randall writes the editor of the News that he has decided to try the desert climate for a time and is located at Las Vegas, Nevada, having given up his position in Van Nuys some weeks ago.

Mrs. E. J. Morgridge and son, W. O. Morgridge, have taken a cottage at East Newport for two weeks. The editor of the News is shuttled back and forth between Sierra Madre and the beach by the necessities of business and the craving for a square meal.

Mrs. Thwaites, sister of S. R. Norris, the Misses Thwaites and Ernest Thwaites left Thursday for their home in Cleveland, Ohio, after spending some time in Sierra Madre visiting relatives. The Misses Thwaites will be missed among the many friends they made while here, several functions having been given in their honor. They will join Mr. Thwaites for a camping trip to the Adirondack Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nuetzel on Esperanza street. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mrs. Nuetzel.

AWAKE AT ANY RATE

The telephone girl in a certain hotel answered a queer call over the house exchange the other morning about eleven o'clock. When she "plugged in" a man's voice said:: "Hello! Is this the So-and-So Hotel?" "No," replied the girl, who was slightly surprised. "This is Such-and-such Hotel." "Oh, all right!" said the man. "Just woke up and didn't know where I was."

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We wish to state to our readers, especially those who are seeking locations, that this is truly an exceptional condition for this country, and can have but one meaning, unparalleled and continued prosperity for this beautiful little valley, and a sung fortune for all who are lucky enough to secure a share of its rare offerings at even double the price obtainable at this time. For further information address the San Jacinto Board of Trade, San Jacinto, Cal.

NOTICE OF SALE OF FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre for the sale by the said City of Sierra Madre, according to law, of a franchise granting the right and privilege to the successful bidder for the same, and his or its successors or assigns, for the laying, constructing, maintaining and keeping for a period of fifty (50) years of the water mains and laterals along, over and under the following streets in the City of Sierra Madre, to-wit: Commencing at a point in the northeasterly line of East Alegria Street where North Canon Avenue intersects the northerly line of said East Alegria Avenue, running thence south along North Canon Avenue to the south line of East Central Avenue, and also extending from said North Canon Avenue westerly along East Highland Avenue to the westerly line of North Mountain Trail Avenue, for the purpose of conducting and carrying water for domestic use and irrigation; provided, however, that the said water mains and laterals shall at all times be laid, constructed, maintained and kept, and the said right, privilege and franchise is hereby granted and shall be at all times exercised and enjoyed in accordance with, and subject to, each and every one of the terms and conditions in this notice and not otherwise.

That the said grantee shall so lay, construct, maintain and keep said water mains and laterals so that the same shall, in no case, be less than eighteen (18) inches below the surface of the said streets in the said City of Sierra Madre, in accordance with the official grades established thereon.

That it shall be lawful for the said grantee to make all necessary and needful excavations and openings in said streets of the said city; provided, however, that said grantee shall submit plans and specifications for the construction of such water mains and laterals to the said Board of Trustees, which plans and specifications must be approved by the said Board of Trustees before work in connection therewith is commenced; and provided further that all work under said franchise that shall be done and performed upon said streets, in excavating and repairing the same shall be in strict compliance with the rules or ordinances which have been, or may hereafter be adopted by the said Board of Trustees of the said city, and under the direction and supervision and to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent of the said city.

That where work is done under said franchise said grantee shall, forthwith upon the completion of said wark, restore the said streets that have been excavated or disturbed, to the same order and condition in which they were prior to the commencement of such work, and in compliance with such rules or ordinances, which have been or may hereafter be adopted by the Board of Trustees concerning the same, and the surface thereof shall be securely supported so as not to impair or hinder the use or enjoyment by the public of such streets.

That upon the grading or re-grading, or other improvement of any of said streets said water mains and laterals shall be re-laid so as to be not less than eighteen (18) inches below the surface of said streets, at the expense of said grantee. And in case said grantee shall fail to re-lay said water mains and laterals as hereinbefore set forth, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the said Street Superintendent of the city for a period of ten (10) days after the service thereof upon said grantee, in the said City of Sierra Madre, of notice by the said Street Superintendent so to do, then he, the said Street Superintendent shall have the right to enter upon such streets and do and perform the work o frelaying said water mains and laterals, upon being directed to do so by the said Board of Trustees; provided, that if such work is so done by the said Street Superintendent, the said Street Superintendent shall keep an itemized account of the cost of said work, which the said grantee of said franchise, by the acceptance of the right and privilege hereby granted, and in consideration thereof, agrees to pay immediately upon presentation to the said grantee, in the said City of Sierra Madre, and a failure or refusal by said grantee of said franchise to pay for the cost of such work done and performed by the said Street Superintendent, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all rights thereunder, to the said City of Sierra Madre.

That the said City of Sierra Madre expressly reserves the right to grade or re-grade, pave or re-pave, macadamize or re-macadamize, sewer or re-sewer, plank or re-plank, gutter or re-gutter, curb or re-curb, repair, improve or oil any of the streets in the said City of Sierra Madre or to lay gas, water, or other pipes thereon, such work to be done so as to injure said grantee's said water mains and laterals as little as possible.

That said grantee shall, during the life of said franchise pay to the City of Sierra Madre, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per cent of the gross annual receipts of such grantee, arising from the use, operation, and possession of said franchise. No percentage shall be paid for the first five (5) years succeeding the date of said franchise, but thereafter such percentage shall be paid annually; and in the event said payment is not made as aforesaid, said franchise shall be forfeited. It shall be the duty of said grantee to file with the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre at the expiration of six (6) years from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every

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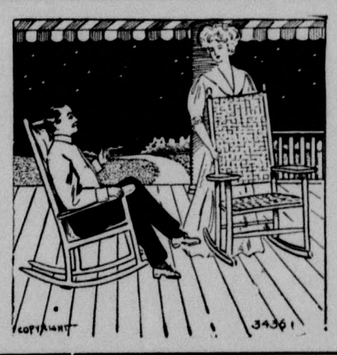
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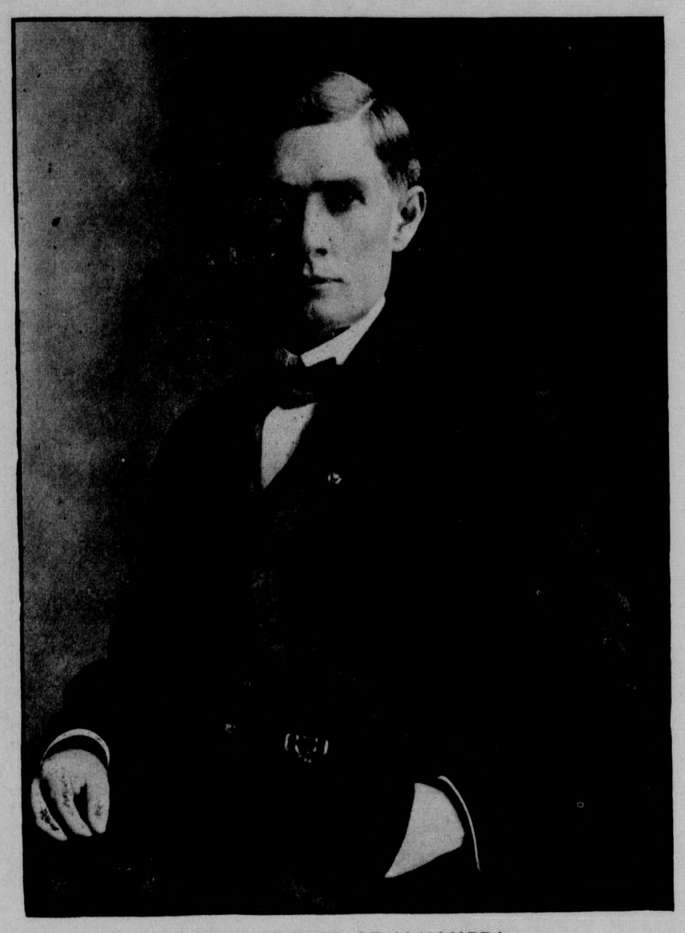

SLOAN PITZER OF ALHAMBRA
Candidate for the Republican Nomin ation for Congress in this District

Mr. Pitzer is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district, and is entitled to the support of every Republican voter, says the Alhambra Advocate. He has saved the city of Alhambra more money in the capacity of city attorney than any other man who has ever been on the city pay roll; and his work as chairman of the committee of 100 citizens to carry the bond issues stamps him as being one of the biggest boosters in the city today, and one who would be a credit to every citizen of the Ninth district if he were in Washington representing us in the lower house of Congress.

Mr. Pitzer has been city attorney for several years, and is also chairman of the Board of Library Trustees; is Worthy Patron of the local lodge of Eastern Star and is Past Master of the Masonic lodge in this city.

The following statement is issued to the Republican voters of this congressional district by Mr. Pitzer:

Mr. Pitzer's Statement

To the Voters of the Ninth Congressional District:

As a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress I desire to state that I am a Republican. That I am for a protective tariff modified to meet the present conditions, and particularly for a protective tariff on oranges, lemons and other industries of the State of California which would certainly be paralyzed by a free trade policy of a tariff for revenue only.

I remember very well the Coxey army and the empty dinner pail, and feel absolutely certain that a third party organization would bring about the same condition of affairs, and possibly worse. And if nominated and elected to this position I will pledge myself to the people of this state to protect their interests so far as in my power.

Mankind has in all ages been struggling for freedom, physical, religious and political. The first two have been attained in this country, but the last has not, hence I would favor all laws tending to the advancement of political emancipation, and for the betterment of the condition of women and children.

As City Attorney of the city of Alhambra I have persistently and effectively insisted on maintaining the welfare and benefit of the people's interests at large, and if elected to this position would insist upon pursuing the same policy. I am for a universal peace treaty. And if elected will favor a measure appropriating government funds for an ocean-to-ocean highway.

SLOAN PITZER.

THE SELECTION OF JUDGES

The selection of judges is a matter which does not receive at the hands of the voters the careful consideration which it deserves. When a judge who has been tried and has given general satisfaction, is a candidate for re-election, the voters should exercise more than ordinary caution in expressing a choice opposed to the retention of such an official. There are many candidates this year for the position of superior court judge of this county, and it is a comparatively easy matter for the average voter to overlook the claim of a judge on the bench, especially if that particular judge is not "doing politics." Among the candidates is Judge Frederick W. Houser who has fairly and efficiently performed his entire duty as a judge during his term of office. His record is clear and clean, both as a judge and as a man; he stands well among the judiciary of this state, and the lawyers throughout Los Angeles country are enthusiastic in his support. There seems to be no reason why Judge Houser should not be re-elected.

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Subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary, Sept. 3

RANDALL'S FRIENDS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

(Sawtelle Veteran-Enterprise)

The many friends here of Charles H. Randall are watching with much interest his fight for congressional honors in the new Ninth Congressional district. Mr. Randall represented the Seventy-fourth Assembly district, of which the Soldiers' Home is a part, in the last legislature, and he made the most conscientious and satisfactory representative ever sent to Sacramento from the Soldiers' Home district. It was Charles H. Randall who introduced and secured the passage of the soldiers' tax exemption law. By this one act Mr. Randall has placed every veteran of the Civil War and every Spanish War veteran under a deep debt of gratitude to him. And every one of these veterans should now rally to his support in the Ninth Congressional district. It is safe to say that if the Soldiers' Home at this place was included in the Ninth district Mr. Randall would poll the full strength of the Home vote, so great is his popularity here.

There is also another class of voters who are strong for Mr. Randall—and that is the laboring class. Mr. Randall has a labor record as a legislator that should and does endear him to every working man and woman in the state. As there are many veterans and a large percentage of the laboring element Randall will no doubt poll a large vote.

Charles H. Randall is worthy the united support of the entire district. He is a man of high ideals, well equipped by education and experience to serve his constituents in congress. He has been for a number of years one of the leaders of the progressive movement. It was his devotion to principle in the last legislature that alienated some of the city supporters from him. Mr. Randall chose to nobly serve the people of the entire state rather than a clique working in the interests of the big cities. This loses for him the political support of some of the progressive leaders of Los Angeles.

SLIM CHANCE FOR PERFECTION

If there is anything that is an aggravation to me, it is to find after my paper has been printed that there are a lot of typographical errors in it, writes Editor Adelsbach in the Watts Advertiser. It grates on my nerves, and annoys me day and night. But I notice mine is not the only paper that contains such errors. In fact there are very few that are free from them. The which is some consolation, but does not excuse the errors. However, since in the ordinary column there are some 10,000 pieces of type, and there are seven wrong positions each letter may be placed in, and therefore more than 50,000 chances for errors, besides the million chances for transpositions, the critic should not be too severe. In the mere sentence, "To be or not to be," it has been figured out, it is possible to make 6,856,022 errors. With such awful chances against a printer, it would seem that readers should first figure out how much better they could do before throwing a fit when they find a typographical error in a newspaper.

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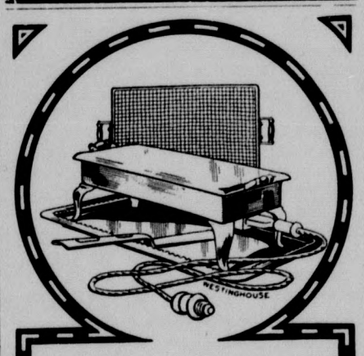

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Expressing to the Sierra Madre public my appreciation of past generous support and soliciting your future favors, I am

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THE FAMILY WATCHDOG

Grown old in the service of his master and mistress, James was a privileged retainer. He was waiting at table one day, when a guest asked for a fish folk. Strangely enough, the request was ignored. Then the hostess noticed the episode, and remarked in a most peremptory manner: "James, Mrs. Jones hasn't a fish fork. Get her one at once!" "Madam," came the emphatic reply, "last time Mrs. Jones dines here we lost a fish fork." James has now been relegated to the garden.

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A Girl of the Limberlost

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saw her coming and went toward the gate to meet her. Twenty years she had dreaded that visit. Mrs. Comstock's face and hair were so white that her dark eyes seemed burned into their setting. Silently she stared at the woman before her a long time.

"I might have saved myself the trouble of coming," she said at last. "I see you are guilty as sin."

"What has Mag Sinton been telling you?" panted the miserable woman, gripping the fence.

"The truth," answered Mrs. Comstock succinctly. "Guilt is in every line of your face, in your eyes, all over your wretched body."

"If you knew what I've suffered!"

"Suffered?" jeered Mrs. Comstock. "That's interesting. And pray, what have you suffered?"

"All the neighbors have suspected and been down on me. I ain't had a friend. I've always felt guilty of his death! I've seen him go down a thousand times, plain as ever you did. Many's the night I've stood on the other bank of that pool and listened to you, and I tried to throw myself in to keep from hearing you, but I didn't dare. I knew God would send me to burn forever, but I'd better done it, for now he has set the burning on my body, and every hour it is slowly eating the life out of me. The doctor says it's a cancer"—

Mrs. Comstock exhaled a long breath. Her grip on the hoe relaxed, and her stature lifted to towering height.

"I didn't know or care when I came here just what I did," she said. "But my way is beginning to clear. If the guilt of your soul has come to a head in a cancer on your body, it looks as if the Almighty didn't need any of my help in meting out his punishments. I really couldn't fix up anything to come anywhere near that. If you are going to burn until your life goes out with that sort of fire, you don't owe me anything.

"If you will gather a lot of red clover bloom and make a tea strong as lye of it and drink quarts I think likely it will help you, if you are not too far gone. Anyway, it will cool your blood and make the burning easier to bear."

Then she swiftly walked home. Enter the lonely cabin she could not, neither could she sit outside and think. She attacked a bed of beets and hoed until the perspiration ran from her face and body, then she began on the potatoes. When she was too tired to take another stroke she bathed and put on dry clothing. In securing her dress she noticed her husband's carefully preserved clothing lining one wall. She gathered it in a great armload and carried it out to the swamp. Piece by piece she pitched into the green maw of the quagmire all those articles she had dusted carefully and fought moths from for years and stood watching as it slowly sucked them down. She went back to her room and gathered every scrap that had in any way belonged to Robert Comstock, excepting his gun and revolver, and threw it into the swamp. Then for the first time she set her door wide open.

She was too weary now to do more, but an urging unrest drove her. She wanted Elnora. It seemed to her she never could wait until the girl came and delivered her judgment. At last in an effort to get nearer to her, Mrs. Comstock climbed the stairs and stood looking around Elnora's room. It was very unfamiliar. The pictures were strange to her. Commencement had filled it with packages and bundles. The walls were covered with cocoons, moths and dragon flies were pinned about.

Under the bed she could see a half dozen large white boxes. She did not know what they contained. She pulled out one and lifted the lid. The bottom was covered with a sheet of thin cork, and on long pins sticking in it were dozens of great, velvet winged moths. Each one was labeled, always there were two of a kind, in many cases four, showing under and upper wings of both male and female. They were of every color and shape.

Mrs. Comstock carefully closed and replaced the boxes and again stood looking around the room. This time her eyes rested on some books she did not remember having seen before, so she picked up one and found that it was a moth book. She glanced over the first pages and was soon eagerly reading. When the text reached the classification of species she laid it down, took up another and read its introductory chapters. Then she found some papers and studied them.

She went downstairs thinking deeply. Being unable to sit still and having nothing else to do, she glanced at the clock and prepared supper. She went out and sat on the front doorstep watching night creep all around her. She started eagerly as the gate creaked, but it was only Wesley Sinton coming down the walk.

"Katharine, Margaret and Elnora passed where I was working this afternoon, and Margaret got out of the carriage and called me to the fence. She told me what she had done. I've come to say to you that I am sorry. She has heard me threaten to do it a good many times, but I never would have got it done. I'd give a good deal if I could undo it, but I can't, so I've come to tell you how sorry I am."

"You've got something to be sorry for," said Mrs. Comstock, "but likely we ain't thinking of the same thing. It hurts me less to know the truth than to live in ignorance. Now, if Elnora will forgive me we will take a new start and see what we can make out of what is left of life. If she won't then it will be my time to learn what suffering really means."

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THE POOLROOM PROBLEM

Consideration of the relation of poolrooms and boys as a general proposition gives ample ground for demanding that the city trustees refuse all applications for licenses for public poolrooms regardless of the source from which they come. Students of public morals and persons having much to do with the juvenile delinquents unite in declaring the public poolroom one of the most prolific breeding places for evil among boys and young men. This opinion is not merely confined to theorists and persons who never stepped inside a poolroom. District Attorney Fredericks says that when his office begins to search for a youthful offender the first places visited are almost invariably the poolrooms. Experience has shown the officers that the poolroom is the place most frequented by the confirmed tough. And there the boys who go to learn a game which is innocent in itself learn a lot of other things from which they should be shielded.

The status of the poolroom now open in Sierra Madre is somewhat peculiar and not generally understood, especially by newcomers. Surprise is frequently expressed that Sierra Madre would sanction poolrooms by granting a license. By way of explanation it may be said that the place was in operation prior to the incorporation of the city six years ago. It afforded one of the issues in the incorporation fight. Its situation was somewhat similar to that of the wineries which have been allowed to remain in operation in spite of the fact that Sierra Madre is nominally "dry." To avoid incurring the opposition of persons interested or in sympathy with these various established enterprises an understanding seems to have been reached that in the event of incorporation of the city they would be allowed to continue their business. In the case of the poolroom there was the further consideration that the proprietor's physical infirmities shut him out from almost every other method of earning a living. How long such an understanding shall remain binding upon the community is for the people of Sierra Madre to decide. Increasing population may change entirely the relative importance of the various factors in the situation as it was six years ago. Probably more than half the present population of Sierra Madre have come to town since that time and never heard of such an agreement. Their right to an independent opinion in the matter can hardly be disputed. Clearly the matter of continuance of these concerns should be decided upon the basis of the present good rather than the equity of six years ago.

Municipal policy governing poolrooms has been brought to the fore by an application for an additional license. Unless they wish to discriminate it seems to be up to the city trustees to grant the application or to refuse to renew the existing license. The latter policy has been advised by the Board of Trade. The News would like to reinforce that advice.

Most of the incorporated cities of the county and nearly all of the country districts have barred pool rooms by popular vote. Such a prohibitory ordinance would undoubtedly carry if put to a vote in Sierra Madre. The claim that to deprive the proprietor of his business would throw him upon the public for a living is begging the question. Moreover it is not necessarily true. But even if it were true the city could better afford to contribute directly to his support than to contribute indirectly through his business and in addition suffer the moral loss to the boys and young men who come under the inevitable poolroom influence.

Failure of a building and loan association in San Francisco brings to mind the rate at which those enterprises have been multiplying in Los Angeles. Probably most of them are blessed with honest and fairly efficient management. A very few have been conspicuously successful. The latter fact has doubtless led to the formation of others upon the principle "for revenue only"—and that for the promoters. The fact that these concerns find a very large proportion of their clients among people of small means calls for the strictest surveillance upon the part of the state banking department.

Many a wise guy thinks he is a live wire just because he can spark a little.

When a man is left alone to do his own cooking for awhile he is almost ready to be converted to the uncooked food fad.

Too bad President Taft did not exercise his veto habit on Judge Hanford's resignation—so that the impeachment proceedings could have been carried to their logical conclusion.

New Mexico has a new law forbidding prize fights but allowing "boxing exhibitions." Such a law seems to suit the fight promoters in California pretty well, so long as the officers are "reasonable."

Political prophets possessing the vision of an ostrich with its head in the sand have been saying there is no Roosevelt sentiment in the country, that people are tired of the Progressive candidate and have no further use for him. To test the truth of that theory just go into a crowd and begin to knock him. There may be a quicker way to start a first class row, but it is doubtful.

Campaign Manager Hilles is out with the first sure thing election guess. He is satisfied at present to give Taft thirty-four states with 384 electoral votes. Plenty of time to revise the returns before November. The president will do well to get all the satisfaction possible out of pre-election estimates, for there will be cold comfort for him in the official returns.

It is a peculiar fact that most people pay more attention to the tax rate than to the amount of taxes they actually pay. They compare the rate with that of years past and congratulate themselves or knock the powers that be, according as the rate is higher or lower. In moving from toyn to town a similar fact is observed. Taxes are regarded as higher or lower according as comparison shows the tax rate to be higher or lower. The percentage of valuation in the making of the assessment is usually overlooked. The law says property shall be assessed at its actual cash value but this is seldom done. From forty to sixty per cent is usual. Obviously a rate of one dollar on the basis of a fifty per cent valuation will yield the same returns to the municipality as a rate of fifty cents on the basis of one hundred per cent valuation. Then why not have a high valuation and a low rate? The returns will be the same and a low tax rate sounds much better to the prospective invester in local property. It even sounds better to the property owner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stilson and Mr. Claude Davis were the dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Cornell on Wednesday evening.

NOTICE OF SALE OF FRANCHISE

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year thereafter, during the life of said franchise, a statement verified by the oath of said grantee, showing the total gross receipts and gross earnings collected or received or in any manner gained or derived by the said grantee during the preceding twelve (12) months from all sales of water to all consumers thereof within the said City of Sierra Madre; and within ten (10) days after the time for filing the verified statement it shall be the duty of said grantee to pay to the Treasurer of the said City of Sierra Madre the aggregate sum of the said percentage upon the amount of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of said franchise, determined and computed in the manner hereinbefore provided. And any neglect, omission or refusal by the said grantee to file said verified statement, or to pay the said percentage of the said gross annual receipts at the times or in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of the franchise hereby granted, and of all rights thereunder to the said City of Sierra Madre.

That the work of laying and constructing said water mains and laterals shall be commenced in good faith within not more than four (4) months from the date of the granting of this franchise, and shall be continuously prosecuted thereafter in good faith and without unnecessary intermission or delay; and the said work of construction, erection, and installation as aforesaid shall be completed within not more than six months thereafter; that if said work be not commenced, prosecuted or completed within the times or in the manner so specified, said franchise shall ipso facto be forfeited to the said City of Sierra Madre.

That the said grantee shall not sell, transfer, or assign any of the rights or privileges granted by the said franchise, except by a duly executed instrument in writing, filed in the office of the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre; provided further, that nothing in said franchise shall be considered to grant to said grantee of such franchise any right to sell, transfer, or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges granted thereby except in the manner aforesaid.

That the said City of Sierra Madre expressly reserves the right to establish uniform rates for the sale of water in said city.

That the said City of Sierra Madre may at any time purchase the franchise to be granted hereunder, at the cost of laying and constructing said mains and laterals less reasonable depreciation within the boundaries of said franchise.

All the provisions, stipulations and conditions herein stated shall be equally binding upon and inure to the benefit of the grantee, his or its successors, grantees, legal representatives or assigns.

This advertisement and the granting of the franchise hereunder shall not be deemed in any way a recognition by the City of the ownership or grantee of his or its source of supply of water, to be used under said franchise, nor an estoppel against the City, nor waiver by said City or any claim to said sourse of supply or against said grantee by reason thereof.

That the said grantee of said franchise shall, within five (5) days after such franchise is awarded, file with the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre a bond running to the said City of Sierra Madre with at least two (2) good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the said Board of Trustees, in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00), conditioned that said grantee, or his or its successors or assigns, shall well and truly observe, fulfill, and perform each and every condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of such franchise, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond.

That any neglect, failure, or refusal of the grantee to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise, shall, upon such neglect, failure or refusal, ipso facto effect a forfeiture thereof, and the said city, by its Board of Trustees, may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited and may exclude said grantee from having the use of said streets of the said city under the said franchise, and said grantee shall thereupon immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and said franchise shall be forfeited and shall remain null and void and of no effect.

That sealed bids in writing will be received by the City Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre, who is ex-officio Clerk of this Board of Trustees, up to eight o'clock P. M. of the 12th day of September, 1912.

At the said time and place the governing body of the said City of Sierra Madre, to-wit, the said Board of Trustees, shall proceed to open said bids and at the same time of so opening said bids the President of the said Board of Trustees of said city will proceed to hear and receive the bids of any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented, who may bid for said franchise or privilege a sum not less than ten per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent by any responsible bidder; and said bidding may be so continued to be made and bids continue to be received by the said governing body through its said President, until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said governing body through its said President to the said highest bidder therefor, in gold coin of the United States. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied with cash or a certified check payable to the Treasurer of said City of Sierra Madre for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bids shall be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith and the successful bidder shall deposit at least ten per cent of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said City of Sierra Madre before the franchise shall be struck off to him; and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, then his bid will not be received and shall be considered as void and the said franchise shall then and there be again offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned; said procedure shall be had until said franchise is struck off, sold, and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent of the amount of his bid therefor. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the Clerk of the said City of Sierra Madre within twenty-four (24) hours after the acceptance of his bid, the remaining ninety per cent of the amount thereof, and in case he or it shall fail to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited and the said award of said franchise shall be void and the said franchise will then and there by said governing body, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided; and in case said bidder shall fail to deposit with the Clerk of said City of Sierra Madre the remaining ninety per cent of his bid within twenty-four (24) hours after its acceptance or award to him, the said franchise shall be set aside and the deposit theretofore made by him shall be forfeited and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise shall be had unless the same shall be re-advertised and again offered for sale.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1912.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre.

C. H. PERRY,
City Clerk.

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